

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

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S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CONTROL

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION AND WETLANDS PROGRAMS SECTION

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Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), and the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (48-39-10 et seq.) a permit application (**P/N #2005-1N-440-P-C (Extension)**) has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control by

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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for a permit to construct a four lane limited access highway that would connect the proposed South Carolina State Ports Authority marine container terminal at the Charleston Naval Complex to Interstate 26.

A Public Notice describing the proposed project was issued on January 13, 2006. The comment period for the proposed project has been extended by 30 days, from March 20, 2006, until April 19, 2006, so that a Public Information Workshop can be held and additional public feedback can be submitted.

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) has scheduled a public information meeting on Thursday, March 30, 2006, concerning the access roadway for the proposed port marine terminal in North Charleston. The meeting will be between 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Charleston Military Magnet Academy Cafeteria, 2950 Carner Avenue, North Charleston.

In order to give all interested parties an opportunity to express their views,

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is hereby given that written statements regarding the proposed work will be received by the above mentioned offices until

12 O'CLOCK NOON, WEDNESDAY, 19 APRIL 2006

from those interested in the activity and whose interests may be affected by the proposed work.

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On March 7, 2003, the Corps issued a Public Notice (PN # 2003-1T-016) advertising the proposed South Carolina State Ports Authority (SCSPA) marine container terminal at the south end of the former Charleston Navy Base. The draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that was prepared to address the potential environmental consequences of developing a marine container terminal and associated transportation infrastructure improvements was released on October 21, 2005.

The permit application for the proposed marine container terminal indicated that SCDOT in conjunction with the State Infrastructure Bank, the South Carolina Railways Commission, and the Charleston Area Transportation Study will be planning rail and highway access to serve the SCSPA's needs on the former Charleston Navy Base. A broad permit application showing five potential access roadway corridors was submitted by SCDOT on August 11, 2005.

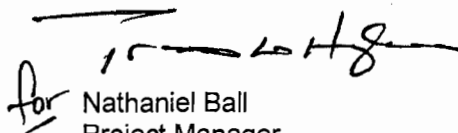
In conjunction with the preparation of the EIS for the proposed marine container terminal, an Access Roadway Feasibility Study is being prepared to identify and evaluate potential access roadway corridors. The Access Roadway Feasibility Study has identified five potential roadway corridors that provide direct access from the proposed port terminal to Interstate 26. These five roadway corridors were first identified in the summer of 2005 and were included in the Draft EIS.

The preliminary findings of the Access Roadway Feasibility Study suggest that Alternative 1C would minimize potential impacts to the adjacent community and the environment. However, all five roadway corridors are still being evaluated and are being presented to the public to obtain feedback. Public comments will be used to determine if additional studies should be prepared to further evaluate the five alternatives or if a specific corridor should be presented as the proposed roadway corridor.

The Feasibility Study also shows that the construction of a port access road would likely require that two existing interchanges for Interstate 26, Meeting Street Road (Exit 217) and Spruill Avenue (Exit 218), be closed. New local access for Interstate 26 is being developed for this location.

The proposed project consists of the development of a four lane limited access highway, a local access road, and a new access road to Cooper River Marina. The development of the proposed port access road would result in dredge and fill activities within waters of the U.S. The project purpose is to develop an access roadway that connects the proposed marine container terminal to Interstate 26. All comments that are received in response to this Public Notice will be considered in the evaluation of both the proposed roadway project and the EIS for the proposed marine container terminal.

If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact me at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.


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